

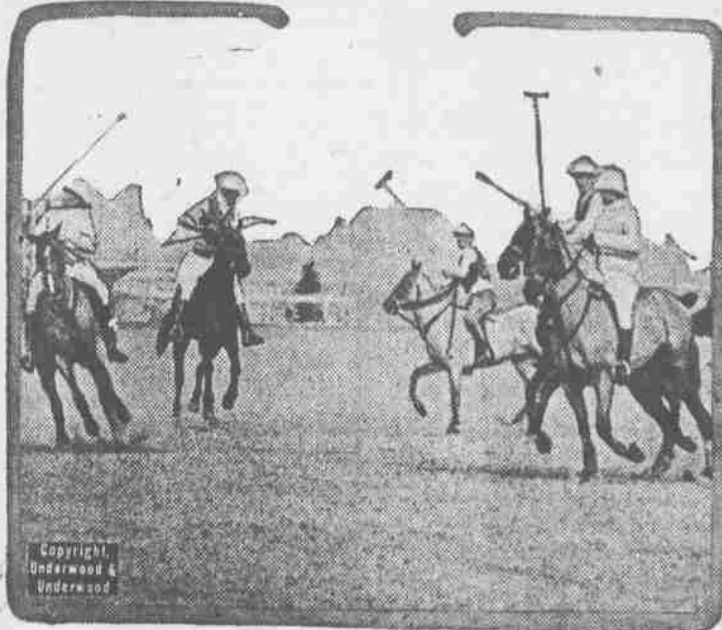
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POLO IS MOST POPULAR ALL-AROUND SPORT



FAST GAME AT AIKEN, SOUTH CAROLINA.

Polo is played in this country practically all the year round. During the winter months the climate and conditions of the grounds are suitable for the Pacific coast clubs, Hawaii and the Philippines; in spring the game is played in the Southern circuit, which includes Aiken, Camden, the several army posts and Washington; in the late spring the game is popular in Philadelphia and adjacent suburban clubs and Lakewood, N. J., and is next followed by the Western and mid-Western circuits. In May and June the game is in full swing at all the Eastern clubs and Narragansett Pier, R. I., annually witnesses the championship series extending over a period of several weeks. In the recent tourney decided there the mounts used represented a cost of from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

SPORTING WORLD

Boston has an interscholastic ice hockey league.

Richmond (Va.) junior high school teams are playing soccer football.

New York university will add a swimming team to its activities.

Birmingham, Ala., contemplates constructing a municipal golf course.

Eighty or more new 2:10 trotters will join the select ranks this year.

Princeton's first baseball game next year will be March 24 with Dickinson.

The agitation to put a ban on all kinds of betting in baseball is a good one.

A movement has been started to build a half-mile track in Lincoln park, Chicago.

Football is a game that requires a stiff backbone, a stiff arm and a stiffer upper lip.

Ward Miller, veteran right fielder of the Browns, is to be operated on for a double hernia.

Stoughton A. Fletcher has engaged the young western trainer Henry Thomas for 1917.

Gale Lee 2:16 1/4, dam of Lee Axworthy, is in foal to San Francisco 2:07 1/4, this year.

People who speak of "playing golf" do not have the right idea. Golfers do not play—they work.

The pacing stallion Minor Heir 1:58 1/4, by Heir-at-Law, will make his future home at Millston, Tenn.

Why is it that all those football players we see in the papers must have their hands on their hips?

Soccer clubs of Philadelphia and vicinity boast 3,900 players enrolled in the district governing association.

The Australian Jockey club subscribed and raised for English patriotic purposes during the last year \$280,850.

Boston, Brooklyn and Cincinnati will not be represented in the Interstate Three-Cushion league this season.

Mabel Trask, 2:03 1/4, won 13 races and more than \$33,000 in light harness races over grand circuit tracks this year.

Tom Eck, the well-known bicycle rider and promoter, is coach of the University of Chicago cross-country team.

Jose R. Capablanca, the Cuban champion chess player, will give a series of lectures in New York November 14 and 21.

Tris Speaker is wise enough to know that he is a star in the playing end of the game and that he might as well be a manager.

BEST AGE FOR TENNIS

MAN PLAYS AT TOPNOTCH WHEN THIRTY-FIVE YEARS OLD.

Champion Williams Says McLoughlin Not Through Because He Is Twenty-Six Years of Age—Will Keep on Playing.

"How long can a man play topnotch tennis?"

R. Norris Williams, II, gave vent to a modest chuckle before answering this query put to him shortly after he had defeated William Johnston, California, in the national lawn tennis championship finals at Forest Hills, N. Y.

"Why, I should say until he is thirty-four or thirty-five. Do you think 'Morie' McLoughlin is entirely broken simply because he is twenty-six?" the champion asked in reply. "Not a bit of it. It is entirely probable, and I shouldn't in the least be surprised to see him come back to the best he ever played within the next six years and regain the title."

"I have no expectations, but only hopes, as to the length of time I can remain champion or a championship contender. I am twenty-four now."



R. Norris Williams, II.

And a man ought to play the very best tennis of his career around twenty-nine or thirty, for the reason that at that age he is likely to have retained his stamina and to have played long enough to have acquired the experience which is so valuable in big matches. Look at Karl Behr. He is far from broken.

"There may be this, however, to be said about McLoughlin. It is highly possible that his smashing style takes the physical strength out of a man in his younger years, where the game which either William Johnston or I play would conserve it. It is not impossible that a vital difference lies here."

"I expect to keep up with my tennis while in business as much as I did while at Harvard, where I was graduated last June."

TRAP SHOOTING IS POPULAR

With Very Few Exceptions Every State in Union Participated in Grand American.

With the exception of New Mexico, New Hampshire, Maine and Virginia, trap shooters from every state in the Union, and Canada too, participated in the recent grand American trap shooting tournament at St. Louis. There can be no question about the popularity of a sport that will attract 683 entrants from 44 states, the District of Columbia and Canada. Of this number Illinois supplied the greatest number, 225; Missouri was next with not quite half as many as Illinois, 112. Of Illinois' total, Chicago supplied 44, more than any other city in the country.

The best representation of any city in the country, however, was made by Hillsboro, Ill. This town of 7,000 population has a gun club of 40 members and of this number ten shot in the big handicap meet. The largest states do not always supply the greatest number of entrants in such a tournament as the grand American. Pennsylvania, for instance, contributed but six entrants, while Iowa had 41; Indiana had 45, Ohio had 39, Kansas had 21, Oklahoma 10, Wisconsin and Tennessee 17 each, Michigan 12, Alabama 12 and Texas 11. These were the only states to get into double figures.

Intercollegiate Lacrosse League.

The United States Intercollegiate Lacrosse league is composed of Cornell, Hobart, Harvard; Stevens, Yale; Swarthmore, Johns Hopkins, Penn and Lehigh. They are divided into northern and southern sections and the winners of the championship in each section will play on May 26.

SUPER-ZEPPELIN IS BULKIER THAN AN OCEAN LINER

Built of Aluminum, It Is 680 Feet Long, but Weighs Only 50 Tons.

FOUR GONDOLAS FOR CREW

British Experts Estimate Cost of Construction of Giant Airship Recently Brought Down in Essex at \$1,250,000—Driven by Six Engines.

London.—It was not long after the battle with Zeppelins last September before the British air service experts discovered that the airship brought down in flames represented the latest type of enemy raiders—the super-Zeppelin—as superior in size, engine power, armament and bomb-carrying capacity over the first Zeppelins as the latest big U-boats are over the original little submarines.

The deductions of the experts have shown that Germany's super-Zeppelin has engines aggregating 1,440 horse power, as against 540 horse power in the original Zeppelin. It is 680 feet long and 72 feet in diameter—actually larger in bulk than a giant ocean liner of the type of the Lusitania, though of infinitely less weight, of course. The enormous envelope, although destroyed in the fire that plunged the Zeppelin down to wreck in Essex, has been estimated from the aluminum and steel and copper wire structural work that remains to have been of a capacity to store 2,000,000 cubic feet of gas—three times as much as the capacity of the earlier Zeppelins, then supposed to be the last word in air monsters.

Larger Than Lusitania. What inspired admiration and wonder in the minds of all who visited the wreck was the incredible delicacy of the workmanship that created something larger than the Lusitania to float in the air, and which against the tons of thousands of tons weight of the Lusitania, with engines, guns, bombs and all, the super-Zeppelin is figured as weighing only 50 tons. The whole aluminum and wire structure weighed only, the experts report, nine tons.

An English reporter who visited the wreck writes: "The external of the airship, her outer fabrics and gas bags, were destroyed, but all the essentials remain, all the elaborate contrivances of attack, all the gear for operating the engines, all the tackle for maneuvering the ship."

"The skeleton of the monster is not visible until you draw very close to it. It is a strange, spidery affair of delicate trellis work in silvery metal, with no sheen and no tinkle but a sepulchral rustle. The girders are of almost inconceivable lightness. What looks a prodigiously bulky portion of the framework can be lifted with one hand. Instead of weighing a hundredweight it scales a few pounds. The whole structure seems like a device from another world and another age."

The Four Gondolas.

Swung under the huge gas envelope were four gondola-shaped compartments, hooded, with apertures for the use of the navigators and gunners and observers—one gondola at the Zeppelin's nose, two depending side by side, in the center, and the third and largest gondola—about thirty feet in length—ast. Her six engines distributed among the gondolas are figured to have been able to send the monster along in calm weather at 65 miles an hour.

ARE MARRIED AT FOUNTAIN

Kentucky Couple Under a Jailer's Guard Were Wed After a Hitch.

Somerset, Ky.—The nuptials of William Cook and Dora Alice Anderson were celebrated the other afternoon on Fountain square.

For a while there was some hitch in the preliminaries, and pending their arrangement a large crowd assembled near the courthouse.

The couple, on account of their humorous appearance, and rumors attached to the romance, were a big drawing card. After the necessary papers had been issued by Clerk Langdon, the contracting parties appeared on the square chaperoned by Jailer Singleton.

Interested friends had secured the presence of Rev. Peter Dykes, a minister of a Baptist church, and after the couple had arranged themselves in a conspicuous place on the fountain wall, he proceeded to place on their union the approval of the Scriptures.

The gondolas are made of stout aluminum, but the experts do not figure that, bent-shaped as they are, they could float successfully unless the aviators had time to dismantle the flying boats of their armament in a descent or especially in a tumble, if the gas bags were shell struck.

The forward gondola is that used for navigation. It was divided into three compartments. In the first was the captain, right in the bow of the ship, looking through nonflammable celluloid windows, which were pierced through the cotton fabric that closed the gondola in above. Conveniently placed for him were two wheels to operate the elevating and horizontal steering rudders and other wheels controlling the water ballast and the petrol tanks. Before him was a little keyboard with which bombs were dropped. It showed 60 small buttons like the pushes of an electric bell, each of which operated one bomb-dropping hook and released a bomb. Another lever withdrew a shutter, which had to be withdrawn before the bomb could fall.

One of the Six Engines.

Astern of the captain's cabin in the same gondola was a little room, six feet by four feet, used by the wireless operator and containing the wireless instruments, which were supplied with current from six dynamos, one attached to each engine, thus leaving nothing to chance. Astern of the wireless room, again, still in the same gondola and isolated from the wireless room by an air space of about

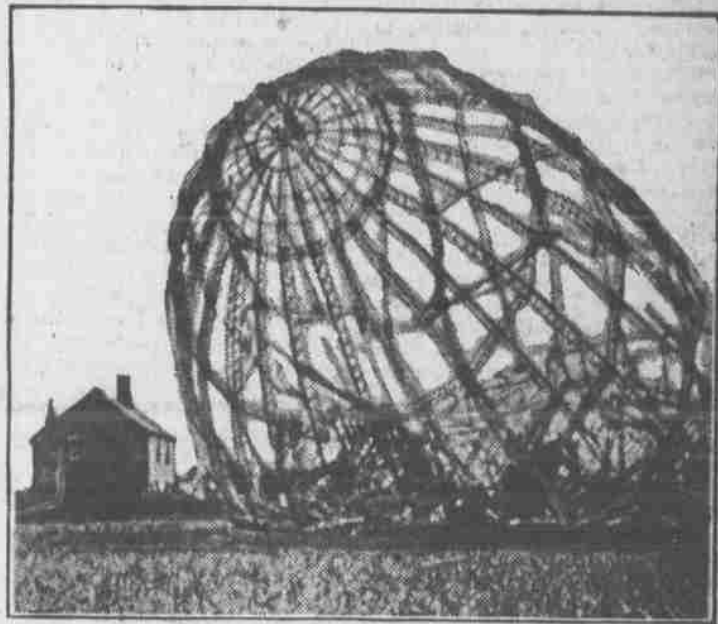
pendent two other gondolas. These hung side by side, spaced out a little on either beam. They are of much smaller size, only 18 feet long, and each contains one Maybach 240 horsepower engine, one dynamo and one machine gun.

In the amidships gondolas were neat little aluminum cupboards, which at the time of the capture contained comestibles. They were of good design and took little space. The last and fourth gondola was placed astern in the center line and was of large size, about thirty feet long. It contained two machine guns and three engines, all of Maybach type and 240 horse power, each driving one dynamo and propeller. Two of these propellers were stayed out on either beam of the airship; the third was at the stern, about thirty feet in from the end of the ship. A similar propeller was observed in the Zeppelin brought down by the French at Revinny.

The gas was contained in 24 balloons, each connected by a valve with a central gas supply pipe. The balloons were burned, but enough of the fabric remains to show that it was of thin silk or cotton, water and gas proof. They were separated, not as some have supposed by sheet aluminum bulkheads, but by spider webs of wire, a web between each pair of balloons.

Aluminum Propeller Shaft.

An aluminum propeller shaft found three miles from where the framework of the Zeppelin fell and petrol tanks plainly showing marks of being struck



Main Hoop Girders of Super-Zeppelin Wrecked in Essex.

an inch, were one of the six engines and a dynamo, also two machine guns of ordinary German caliber, on tripod mountings of amazing lightness.

The engine is still in good working order. It is of Maybach (Mercedes) type and develops 240 horse power. One of the great surprises of this airship is that immediately behind the forward gondola and driven by its engine is a propeller amidships underneath the ship. There was nothing of the kind in the Zeppelins brought down in France and at Saloniki. It is one of the distinctive features of the super-Zeppelin.

The "Cat Walk."

To pass from the gondola down the ship one had to climb through a kind of trapdoor framed in aluminum into the "cat walk," a perilously narrow gangway only nine inches wide that runs the whole length of the keel. On the aluminum girder framings the thinnest of planking was laid. Some part of it has survived the fire and could be very plainly seen. Passing down this "cat walk" inside the walls of thin cotton fabric, grayish white, one reached the compartment containing bombs. Here hung the missiles on 60 hooks, and below them was the sliding shutter. In the "cat walk" was another interesting find—a lavatory with fittings of fairy lightness.

Near the center of the ship, progressing from bow to stern, were sus-

account for the starting of her trouble which ended in her gas bag being set afire. Datemarks on these tanks and other parts of the structure indicate that this surely was the latest super-Zeppelin type, for they carried the date "July 14, 1916."

Forward and at the stern atop of the huge envelope were platforms on which were mounted three quick-firing guns for repelling attack from above, and there was a smoke-producing apparatus by which the airship could eject clouds for its own concealment.

Enough was left of the gas bag to show it was made of a paper-thin but very tough, untearable, twill-like material.

It is estimated that the new super-Zeppelins cost the German government at least \$1,250,000 apiece.

Bees Pay for New Roof.

Hicksville, O.—Charles E. Smith, living northeast of here, noticed two years ago a hole in the side of his residence near the roof. The other day he engaged carpenters to take off the old roof and replace it with a new one. The results of the two years' labor on the part of the bees were discovered. The honey extracted amounted to 275 pounds, 200 of it being of the best quality, and could have been sold for enough to pay for the entire roof.

URGES FIVE-YEAR MARRIAGES

Ohio Judge Believes He Has a Cure for the Divorce Evil.

Toledo, O.—A law that will provide that married folk cannot obtain a divorce until after they have had five years of married life to their credit! This is the solution of the divorce problem offered by Common Pleas Judge Bernard Brough.

"It has reached the shameful point where there is one divorce out of every four marriages," Judge Brough declares. "Three times as many women as men apply for divorce. This may indicate more men than women are responsible for disturbance to the household."

"Some marriages are really no more than trials," says the judge. "Couples make no pretense of establishing a home and living as sane married people should. They fight the first week and in a month are seeking a divorce. Hasty marriages bring about this situation. I believe the only solution to the divorce question is a five-year marriage."